

What is claimed is:

[Claim 1] 1. An apparatus for holding a decorative figurine and a light source, the apparatus comprising:

a frame having a substantially planar portion and an outwardly projecting portion, the frame being adapted to captively receive the decorative figurine, and the outwardly projecting portion having a plurality of curved members configured to form a dress-shaped lampshade structure;

a hook coupled to the frame for suspending the frame from a separate structure;

a light socket positioned between the outwardly projecting portion of the frame and the planar portion of the frame, configured to operatively receive a light source and having means for selectively turning the light source on and off; and

fabric positioned over at least the outwardly projecting portion of the frame, and wherein at least a portion of the fabric is capable of allowing light from the light source to pass through the fabric.

[Claim 2] 2. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the substantially planar portion of the frame is configured to be positionable contiguous to an adjacent structure.

[Claim 3] 3. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a backdrop member coupled to the frame, the backdrop member having a back surface and the back surface being positionable against a flat surface to help stabilize the frame when the frame is suspended by the hook.

[Claim 4] 4. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a material positioned across a bottom portion of the apparatus to soften any glare emitted from the light source.

[Claim 5] 5. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the frame is made from molded plastic.

[Claim 6] 6. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the frame is made from wire.

[Claim 7] 7. The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:
means for preparing the surface of the frame, whereby the fabric adheres more easily to the frame.

[Claim 8] 8. A method for manufacturing a figurine lamp with an illuminating dress, the method comprising:

securing a figurine to a frame having a planar portion and an outwardly projecting portion;

securing a fabric with light reflective qualities to the outwardly projecting portion of the frame;

coupling a hook to the frame for suspending the frame from a separate structure; and

coupling a light socket between the planar portion of the frame and the outwardly projecting portion of the frame.

[Claim 9] 9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

securing a plurality of curved members to the outwardly projecting portion of the frame to form a dress-shaped lampshade structure.

[Claim 10] 10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

coupling a backdrop member to the frame, the backdrop member having a back surface and the back surface being positionable against a flat surface to help stabilize the frame when the frame is suspended by the hook.

[Claim 11] 11. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

making the frame from molded plastic.

[Claim 12] 12. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

making the frame from wire.

[Claim 13] 13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

affixing surface preparation means to the frame whereby the fabric adheres more easily to the frame.

[Claim 14] 14. The method according to claim 8, further comprising:

securing a material across a bottom portion of the apparatus to soften any glare emitted from the light source.